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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SEXUAL ASSAULT BACKLOG ELIMINATION PROGRAM
(CALIFORNIA COLD HIT PROJECT GRANT)
FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 6, 2003 TO JUNE 6, 2003**

In late January 2001, the Sheriff's Department, Scientific Services Bureau, received notification that the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) had approved a grant application to participate in the State reimbursement program to examine backlogged sexual assault cases utilizing new DNA technology. In early March 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved the Department's participation in this grant program and requested quarterly reports on its activities.

QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF GRANT ACTIVITIES:

Most of the activity during this period was spent performing the laboratory screening and DNA profiling on the submitted sexual assault evidence. We continued receiving kits from both the Sheriff's Department and local police departments from the independent cities within the County. We have completed the inventory of sexual assault cases in frozen storage at the Sheriff's Department's property warehouse and have finalized the total number of qualifying cases.

Eight (8) Cold Hits and eight (8) Case-to-Case Hits were confirmed since the last reporting period. Of notable interest was the analysis of evidence from two sexual assaults which occurred in 2000 and 2002. The DNA profiles were obtained and were identified as that of the Belmont Shores rapist.

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An automated robotic system for DNA extraction has been installed as a result of a successful request for equipment purchase with grant funding. The robotic equipment is in the final stages of validation and its use will result in a significant increase in DNA extraction productivity by the Crime Lab.

As requested, an attachment is included with this letter which summarizes the casework activity for this grant program. Should you need further clarification or additional information, please contact Scientific Services Bureau Assistant Director Dean Gialamas at (213) 989-5003 or dmgialam@lasd.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

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SHERIFF



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SEXUAL ASSAULT BACKLOG ELIMINATION (SABEL) PROGRAM

JUNE 2003 REPORTING SUMMARY		
Number of Cases Inventoried	950	This figure represents the estimated number of cases in the storage lockers and freezers of law enforcement agencies within County of Los Angeles.
Number of Cases Received	949	This figure represents the number of cases that the Sheriff's Department's Crime Lab has received that meet the grant eligibility requirements.
Number of Cases Screened	535	This figure represents the number of cases that have been screened for biological evidence. Those cases which contain biological evidence suitable for DNA testing would proceed to the "Profiling" step.
Number of Cases Profiled	206	This figure represents the number of cases that were subjected to DNA testing and have been entered into the state and national DNA databases (CODIS).
Number of Cold Hits Confirmed	12	This figure represents the number of cases that have returned a named suspect based on the DNA profile having matched a felony offender in the database.
Number of Case-to-Case Hits	27	This figure represents the number of times that samples from separate cases have been related to each other. Although these cases do not identify a suspect, they do provide law enforcement with investigative leads that may help identify the perpetrator.